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Figure 5 shows a further embodiment of the present invention, in which the supporting element 38 is integrated in the wall of the transmission housing 15. For this purpose the support element 38 which substantially semi-circularly surrounds the driven shaft 42, has a nut 62 inserted in a counter formation 68 of the transmission housing 15. Before the insertion of the supporting elements 38, the housing transmission housing 15 has an opening with a diameter 72 which is reduced by the supporting element 38 to the inner diameter 64. Alternatively to the modular embodiment of the supporting element 38, it can be injection molded as an insert in the injection molding process with the transmission housing 15, and formed for example of metal. In a further variant, the transmission housing 15 and the cover 17 can be produced of metal, for example aluminum, and cast in a casting with the supporting elements 38. With a two-part embodiment of the supporting element 38 shown in Figure 4, the lower half shell 56 is integrated in the transmission housing 15 and the upper half shell is integrated in the cover 17.